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SUBJECT: TOURE MESSAGE TO ETHIOPIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE REGARDING
HAILE SELASSIE AND ERITREA

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1. GUINEAN NEWSPAPER HOROYA NO. 2150 OF DECEMBER 8-14 CONTAINS AN UNDATED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TOURE TO "MILITARY COMMITTEE, ADDIS ABABA." MESSAGE RESERVES GUINEA'S POSITION REGARDING THE COMMITTEE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF WHETHER GOVERNMENT WILL BE FREE AND DEMOCRATICALLY CONTROLLED BY ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. MESSAGE ALSO "SUPPORTS LEGITIMATE AND SACRED CAUSE OF BROTHERLY PEOPLE OF ERITREA FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE" AND "ASKS WITH INSISTENCE" THAT ALL POSSIBLE BE DONE TO SAVE LIFE OF EMPEROR.

2. THIS IS PRESUMABLY THE MESSAGE TOURE MENTIONED TO ME ON NOVEMBER 29 (REFTEL B). AT THE TIME OF THE ADDIS COUP, TOURE TOOK OCCASION OF A PRIVATE MEETING REGARDING US AGRICULTURAL AID TO STATE THAT HE WAS DISTRESSED BY EXTENSIVE VOA COVERAGE OF THE EMPEROR'S DOWNFALL. IT IS CLEAR THAT TOURE REGARDS EMPEROR'S DEMISE AS SERIOUS BLOW TO AFRICAN POLITICAL STABILITY. THERE
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WAS A PASSING REFERENCE TO ERITREA IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE

ISSUED AT THE END OF PRESIDENT QADHAFI'S VISIT LAST MONTH BUT
AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THIS IS FIRST CLEAR PUBLIC
EXPRESSION OF GUINEAN SUPPORT FOR ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE.
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